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January and February 2019 Events and Programs
at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (December 14, 2018) The Blount County Public Library is thrilled to announce **Bethany Morris** as the **winner of the 2019 Centennial Logo Design Contest**. Originally from Clay County, West Virginia, Bethany came to Tennessee to study architecture in 2003. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2008 with a Bachelor's of Architecture and again in 2011 with a Master's of Landscape Architecture. Bethany still lives locally with her husband, son, and two spoiled dogs, and now works for the University of Tennessee, Facilities Services Design Office. She enjoys all levels of design, from a large scale master plan to the gritty details. Her favorite part is creating something completely new. When Bethany saw the competition announcement, she thought it would be a fun design problem and a way to use her skills to support the library. Her engaging 3D design will be used on the Centennial Library Card and to kick off the array of exciting events and programs in 2019.

Check out the programs in January and February like...
- Appalachian Reads Book Club Reading of "Bitter in the Mouth;"
- Are You Smarter Than a Librarian Trivia Challenge for all ages;
- Monthly Garden Series presented by the Blount County Extension Office and the Blount County Master Gardeners;
- MLK Kids and Families Fair;
- Movie: "A Wrinkle in Time;"
- Southern Appalachian Studies Series and the new Quiltin' Bee for all ages and skills;
- 'Beyond the Shelves' Live Podcast at The Bird and the Book;
- Social Media for Business Classes;

- Microsoft and Google Apps Computer Courses;
- ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program;
- A Valentine Harp Ensemble Concert;
- One Book Blitz: Special Event;

And much more! Pick up a copy of the monthly newsletter so that you'll have your own schedule of events for January and February. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org   We look forward to seeing you at the library!

MUSIC & EVENTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428

- **Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m., "*Valentine's Harp Ensemble Concert*"** at the library, conducted by **Mr. William Lovelace**. Unusual anywhere in the world, this concert will have multiple harps and multiple harpists, some of whom are among the nation's top artists. In addition to students from the Maryville area, this ensemble also includes Lovelace's students from Knox Music Studios, in Knoxville, and from his other teaching locations as well. Mr. Lovelace is past president of the American Harp Society. The concert will be in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

NEW EVENTS: Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428   (See recurring events below the new events)

- **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, *"Library Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day."***
- **Monday, January 7, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1st Monday of each month), *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* All Ages Are Welcome!** While on the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! The library's new monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. This event, for all ages, will be held in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesday, January 8, 7 p.m., *"Garden Series: Drip Systems and Micro-Irrigation,"*** presented by the Blount County Extension Office and the Blount County Master Gardeners. **Speaker, Dragan Stefanovic,** will show how low volume watering can be used by drip systems and micro watering equipment. This can save water and provide water to the plants without getting leaves wet and promote plant health. This event will be held in Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, January 19, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month), "*Appalachian Reads."*** *Bitter in the Mouth* by Monique Truong is more than an award-winning Southern coming-of-age novel. It is a richly textured narrative of family life which looks at the many ways it is possible to be different in small-town North Carolina in the seventies and eighties. The author was born in Vietnam, grew up in North Carolina, and now works in New York as an intellectual property attorney. Discussion will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, January 19, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., *"MLK Kids and Families Fair."*** Celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with an afternoon of creativity, information and fellowship. Join community organizations, educational groups and activists for crafts, music,

storytelling and hands-on fun. The day begins with a special screening of "A Wrinkle in Time" (Rate PG) in the Sharon Lawson Room at 10:30 a.m.; the fair begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Gallery.

- **Monday, January 21, *"Library Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."***
- **Monday, January 28, 7 p.m., *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: A Quilt Sharing: Tennessee's Quilts and Stories",* presented by Merikay Waldvogel,** a Quilt Historian. Waldvogel will give an overview of what goes into making a quilt (materials, pattern sources and processes), dating quilts, and relating the stories and histories quilts have to tell. Attendees are welcome to bring a quilt to show her. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., *" 'Beyond the Shelves' Live Podcast at The Bird and the Book."*** Join the hosts of the library's brand-new podcast, "Beyond the Shelves" for a no-holds-barred stage event! The fun begins with live music at 6:30, then at 7:00, **librarians Clay Kriese and Jennifer Spirko** will take to the mics for interviews, book talks, weird lists and more, including an interview with a special Centennial guest. Afterwards, join in a Q&A conversation with the podcasters. The Bird and the Book is a family-friendly pub serving sandwiches and hot dinner specials, beers and soft drinks, and desserts and snacks. There is no charge for admission, only for food and drink ordered. The Bird and the Book is located beneath Southland Books and Café, 1505 E. Broadway Ave., at the Five Points roundabout. Free parking is available behind the building.
- **Friday, February 1 through Monday, April 15, *"AARP Tax Preparation Assistance."*** AARP tax preparation volunteers will begin making appointments for tax preparation assistance sometime in January. Appointments will begin on Friday, February 1. For the phone numbers to call for making appointments, check the "The Daily Times" newspaper and the Blount County Public Library website at www.blountlibrary.org as soon as the information is received.
- **Thursday, February 7 and February 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1ˢᵗ and 3ʳᵈ Thursday of each month), *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."*** A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It meets in Study Room D near the Reference Department of the Library. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you."
- **Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m., *"Garden Series: Pest and Disease,"*** presented by the Blount County Extension Office and the Blount County Master Gardeners. This event will be held in Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, February 18, *"Library Closed Presidents' Day."***
- **Monday, February 25, 7 p.m., *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Selections in Celebration of the City of Alcoa's Centennial,"* presented by David R. Duggan.** Judge Duggan, lifelong resident of Alcoa and Historian for the City of Alcoa, will talk about the birth of Alcoa 100 years ago, the factors that led to ALCOA's decision to locate here, the incorporation of the City, the establishment of the school system, the community that arose, and reveal personal reminiscences.
- **Wednesday, February 27, 11 a.m., "*Focus on Seniors: Legal Issues for Seniors."* Presented by Matt Haralson, Elder Law Attorney** with Kizer & Black Attorneys, PLLC. The program will be helping seniors deal with legal issues. Sponsored by the Blount County

Office on Aging and the Blount County Public Library. This even will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m.,** *"Sky City Book Club."* The Sky City Initiative will host their first book club for entrepreneurs at the Blount County Public Library. The book talk will focus on the title *E-Myth Revisited: Why Most Small Businesses Don't Work and What to Do About It* by Michael E. Gerber. Copies of the book will be available for check-out from BCPL starting January 2019.

RECURRING EVENTS: Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428

- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 pm.,** *"Dungeons & Dragons."* All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of this tabletop role-playing game by learning about D&D and sharing your love of fantasy gaming! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse**, **Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
    - o **Please Note! Dungeons & Dragons will NOT meet January 1 due to the library being closed. It will resume January 8, 2019.**
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., "Dominion."** All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of building a medieval empire in this award-winning tabletop game of strategy! Thousands of cards will be provided. All you have to bring is your imagination. The adventure begins in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
    - o **Once per month:** *"Sanctioned Chess Tournament,"* is held at the library in the Teen Central Area.
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays in the Teen Central Area of the library. On one Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.
- **Monday, January 7 and February 4, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1ˢᵗ Monday of each month),** *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* **All Ages Are Welcome!** While on the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! The library's new monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. This event is for all ages and will be held in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesday, January 15, February 5 and February 19, 6 p.m. (1ˢᵗ and 3ʳᵈ Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."* Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages** and skill levels. There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café).
    - o **Please Note! Bluegrass Music Club will NOT meet January 1 due to the library being closed.**
- **Tuesday, January 15 and February 19, 5:30 p.m. (3ʳᵈ Tuesday of each month), *"Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,"*** in the Kathy Pagles Board Room of the library.

- **Thursday, January 17 and February 21, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of each month), "*Adult Coloring.*"** Remember the carefree joy of picking up your favorite crayon or marker and adding color to a beautiful picture? Experience the same fun and relaxation even though you are now an adult! For this program, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library, participants **(teens and older)** can bring their own coloring books and materials, or you can select from a variety of intricate adult coloring pages and utilize coloring supplies provided at the library. Just show up at the library at 7 p.m., on the third Thursday of every month, select a fun design and color away to your heart's content. This program will be in the Reference Area of the library.
- **Saturday, January 5 and February 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1st Saturday of each month), *"Open Lab."* Ages 16 and up** come play with all the cool tech in the learning lab! This month's focus will be on microcontrollers using Sparkfun's Inventor's Kit, an easy introduction to Arduinos. Other lab equipment includes 3D printers, a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and other small electronics. Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org Open Lab will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
- **Thursday, Begins on February 7 and February 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."* A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It meets in Study Room D near the Reference Department of the Library. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you."

Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. HELP!

If you have an e-reader, tablet or other device, you may check out e-books, audiobooks and stream movies from Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling Adult Services (Reference Desk) at 865-982-0981, ext. 1450, or 865- 273-1428 to schedule a time for an appointment. To set up access to download e-books, audiobooks and materials from the library, bring these items:

- **library card in your name and in good standing,**
- **your device (fully charged),**
- **email account user name and password,**
- **Kindle e-readers: Amazon sign-in and password**

You are ready to enjoy your Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. experience!

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES, INTERNSHIPS AND RESOURCES:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext.1450.

Social Media for Business Classes – Registration Required

Nearly 7 out of every 10 Americans are on social media. You want your marketing to be where your customer base is, yet not every social media platform is a good fit for every business. Join us for this eight-part, stand-alone series on *Using Social Media for Business*. Discover which

tools are the best fit for your business, gain strategies to engage new and existing customers, create highly optimized, high quality ads, capture leads, drive brand awareness, and monetize the social platform.

*These are single-session, stand-alone classes. This eight-week series covers:
1. Facebook for Business
2. Instagram for Business
3. Pinterest for Business
4. Maximizing Your Visual Impact on Social Media
5. LinkedIn for Business
6. Twitter for Business
7. Managing Your Social Media Across Platforms
8. Search Engine Optimization and Advertising with Google

Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building). Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the library's Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428.** Feel free to bring your own device or a laptop will be provided for you.

Facebook for Business
With 2.23 billion monthly users, Facebook remains the leading social media platform in the U.S. Learn how to create or refine a Facebook page for your business, stay abreast of key changes to Facebook, create and manage successful ad campaigns, create and advertise events, do giveaways and contests, use Facebook Live to engage with your market, and more.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Instagram for Business
Instagram is a growing photo (and video) sharing platform, with 500 million people using it daily. Join us to create an Instagram business account, explore Instagram Stories and Story Highlights, use live videos, advertise, engage with your audience, and leverage analytics to track your effectiveness over time.
Class requirement: You must have a Facebook page for your business in order to register for this class.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Pinterest for Business
More than 87 percent of users have bought a product because of Pinterest. In this class, you will create a Pinterest business account, boards where you save and share creative, inspiring, and actionable pins. Find trending topics, key words, and insights that will influence what you pin. Explore strategies for fun, unique, and engaging content. Advertise and analyze the effectiveness of your marketing on Pinterest.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Maximizing Your Visual Impact on Social Media
Learn how to sharpen your visual online presence for a consistent, professional delivery of your brand or image. Explore tools and platforms for easy-to-create designs and beautiful graphics that you optimize for a variety of media, turn designs into animations, and more.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, February 1, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

LinkedIn for Business
With 260 million monthly users, LinkedIn is a great platform for finding top talent, painting yourself as an industry leader, and promoting your business. Join us to create a company page, create and/or engage in industry-related groups, and establish yourself as a thought leader and industry expert. Get tips to grow your following. Use Company Page analytics to track and analyze your effectiveness. Use Showcase Pages to publish highly relevant messaging to subsets of your target audience.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, February 8, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Twitter for Business
Twitter is one of the top websites in the world, ranked 8th in the U.S. and 13th internationally. Use Twitter to post headlines about your business, retweet related content, and broadcast live events – all of which build a following. Join us to create a twitter account for business, learn strategies to gain followers, interact with customers and influencers, and analyze your efforts.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, February 15, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Managing Your Social Media Across Platforms
You're thinking of using more than one social media platform -- how do you know which ones are most worth your time? Join us to create a social media strategy for your business. Explore tools to help you plan and schedule your social content in advance, and manage your accounts from one place. Get tips and templates that will help you streamline your efforts and market with intent.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, March 1, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Search Engine Optimization and Advertising with Google
By leveraging the foundations of SEO, you can ensure that your business pops up in consumers' online searches, whether on laptops, smartphones, tablets, or more. Join us to learn how to make improvements that boost your website's visibility on search engines, attracting the right kind of traffic to the right pages on your site. Learn proven, step-by-step strategies to achieve higher

positions with major search engines. Discover how to implement foundational optimization strategies and techniques, like:

- Conducting keyword research
- interpreting and observing trends
- Best structuring SEO and pay-per-click plans around the insights you capture from keyword research
- Building internal and external links
- Optimizing your pages and content for maximum searchability
- Developing an informed long-term SEO strategy

-- And discovering how to apply keyword insights to Google AdWords campaigns and measuring the results of your SEO and AdWords efforts.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft and Google Apps Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint (2016), and Gmail. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. Is your workplace moving over to Google-based products? Sign up for free classes in Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Calendar. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the library's Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428.** (If you desire to enroll in computer courses but do not have computer experience, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available: www.mouseprogram.com and www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm.)

Classes for January – February cover:

- Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Gmail Basics
- Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Drive Essentials
- Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive
- Google Docs Basics
- Google Docs Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Sheets Essentials
- Google Sheets Advanced Tips and Tricks

- Google Calendar Essential Training
- Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks

Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials – This free class is a general orientation to Word 2016, including topics such as toolbars/ribbons, shortcuts, save/save as, files/folders, selecting text, moving text, drag and drop, cut, copy, paste, editing, formatting, spell check/thesaurus, page setup, line spacing, the ruler, navigating, changing margins, changing case, word count, and bullets and numbering.

Time: 2 – 5 pm
Date: Monday, January 7, 2019
Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – Building off prior knowledge of MS Word, we will explore ways to create a high quality, professional-looking document. The free class will cover skills such as inserting pictures and captions, charts, hyperlinks, headers, footers, page numbers, table of contents, and cover pages. Participants will learn the ins and outs of design features, customizing the spell check dictionary, locking documents to restrict editing, and more.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds. Participants may also bring a current project they are developing, such as a resume or other work/volunteer-related project.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials – Join us for a free introduction to Excel 2016. Topics include, but are not limited to:
- Navigating the Excel interface
- Entering text and formulas
- Editing and viewing worksheets
- Working with formulas and functions
- Formatting cells
- Changing the appearance of worksheets
- Changing column width and row height
- Using auto fill
- Selecting cell ranges
- Using move and copy shortcuts
- Inserting/deleting columns, rows, and worksheets
- Renaming and moving worksheets

Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Monday, January 14, 2019
Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks **–** Building off prior knowledge, participants will explore ways to make spreadsheet information readable and understandable using advanced formatting techniques. For instance, participants will learn how to:
- Use fill color and patterns for cell backgrounds
- Leverage alignment tools for readability
- Accentuate dynamic data with conditional formatting
- Work with tables, styles, and themes for consistent formatting
- Display data as an outline; summarize data using pivot tables, charts and more.

Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds. Participants may also bring a current project they are developing, such as a budget, project management chart, or other work/volunteer-related project.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials – Participants will gain skills needed to produce a simple, professional-looking presentation. Topics include navigating the interface; applying or changing a theme; inserting and adjusting pictures, clip art, screenshots, video, tables and charts; using screen toolbar features to play and markup a presentation; create handouts and print, and more.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – In this free class, learn how to make presentations more compelling by:
- Customizing the theme and animating text and graphics
- Engaging the audience with audio and video
- Creating information rich, visually compelling presentations driven by Excel data
- Applying time-saving shortcuts that will help you create more engaging presentations quickly

-- Discover strategies to keep your audience engaged, and explore tools to make your presentation look more professional, polished and accessible.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Gmail Basics **–** Tired of wasting time in email and not having what you need at your fingertips? Join this free class to master the basics of Gmail, including how to:
- Register (or retrieve your password) for a Gmail account
- Send and receive emails with and without attachments
- Organize and work with your inbox
- Search, filter, and label emails for efficiency

- Avoid pitfalls when using email, such as getting computer viruses

— And more. Discover how to manage the inbox so that you can be more productive in less time.

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: Monday, January 28, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks – Build on your knowledge of Gmail to get even more out of Google's popular email platform. Discover advanced features that allow you to maximize your productivity, such as:

- Checking different POP3 email accounts with Gmail so you get all of your emails in one place
- Mastering labels, stars, and filters
- Using aliases to determine referrals
- Muting conversations
- Undoing email sends
- Integrating Gmail with Outlook and Google apps like Google Calendar

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: Wednesday, January 30, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Essentials of Google Drive – Have you wondered how to seamlessly create, back-up and access your files from anywhere? Discover how to use Google Drive, a powerful cloud-based file storage and office suite software. In this hands-on workshop, participants will create a Google account, navigate the Google Drive interface, organize, sync, locate, and share Drive files, and back up files to the cloud.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Monday, February 4, 2019
Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.
Location: Learning Lab

Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive – Google Drive is a go-to online office suite and storage service for many. Yet there is more to Google Drive than meets the eye. With the right tools, you can optimize your Google Drive to save time and increase productivity. Join us to discover tips, tricks, plug-ins and browser extensions that will help you shift your Google drive into overdrive.

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.
Location: Learning Lab

Basics of Google Docs -- Take a closer look at how to use Google Docs to share and collaborate, store, translate, and publish documents on the web. Discover how to get around in Google docs and create professional-looking files you can access and edit anywhere you have Internet.
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Monday, February 11, 2019
Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Advanced Google Docs -- Dive deeper into Google Docs features that help boost productivity. Use templates, create flowcharts, tag colleagues, convert Google Docs to MS Word, integrate Google Docs with other Google applications, and more.
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Google Sheets Essentials -- Discover how to get the most from Google Sheets. Learn how to navigate the interface, use basic formulas and functions, convert file formats like Excel to Google Sheets, and make your data work for you.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Advanced Google Sheets -- Learn practical applications for Google Sheets, such as calculating investments and loan payments, the effects of interest and inflation, using Sheets to determine dates and times for project deliverables, and more. Explore how to maximize your productivity by using conditional formatting, creating charts, and expanding Google Sheets capabilities using Add Ons.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Google Calendar Essential Training -- Manage your personal and professional calendars more effectively with Google Calendar. From scheduling events and tracking to-dos, to sharing calendars and creating invites, get the basics of Google Calendar to help make your day run more smoothly.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Monday, February 25, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks -- Build on your knowledge of Google Calendar to become a Google Calendar guru. Join us to discover advanced features of Google Calendar, such as creating events with a video option for meetings, making available appointment slots so that others can schedule time with you, use Agenda view, add Labs to give yourself new calendar features, and more.
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Dates: Wednesday, February 27, 2019
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Location: Learning Lab

Open Lab – Ages 16 and Up

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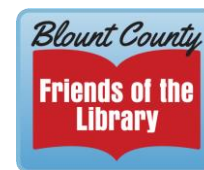
Book-A-Librarian

Need help with **technology** and don't know where to start? Have a tough research **question?** Need a new **resume?** Having trouble with **R.E.A.D.S.?** Go to https://goo.gl/forms/35a9eT5qArPctgmU2 to complete a registration form to schedule assistance from a professional library staff member, and get help setting up your own personal learning plan using library resources.

ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program for Young Adults (18-26): Registration Required

The ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the ARCONIC Foundation. It is provided by the Institute of International Education, Blount Partnership, Blount County Public Library and Blount County Friends of the Library.

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults Interested in Manufacturing Careers:

Are you between the **ages of 18 – 26** and would you like to get paid to intern at a local manufacturer? Join us **January 28 – March 13** to gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **Contact Jackie Taylor-Tente with questions and to register, at 865-680-7668 or** jackie@jataylor.net   For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/arconic-internship-program   Deadline to Apply: January 23, 2019

The program consists of three components:
1) **January 28 – February 15: 3 weeks of *Workforce Readiness Training* (60 hours)**
   o *Training* will run 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. During this time participants will receive training in skills needed to obtain and maintain a job in the manufacturing field. Participants will receive a $300 stipend upon completion of this component.
2) **February 18 – March 8: 100 hours of hands-on manufacturing experience interning with a Blount County manufacturer**
   o **The *Internship*** will be at a local manufacturer where participants will be paid $10/hr. for 100 hours, get hands-on job experience, and potentially get certifications such as forklift operation.
3) **March 11, 12 and 13: 3 half-days of *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation***
   o **Participants then return** for *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation*. Participants will receive a $60 stipend upon completion of this component.

Participants must complete all three components.

TEEN PROGRAMS   –   Phone 865-273-1414:

Special Programs:

- **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, *"Library Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day."***
- **Monday, January 7, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1st Monday of each month), *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* All Ages Are Welcome!** While on the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! The library's new monthly

trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. This event, for all ages, will be held in the Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Saturday, January 12, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Teen Gaming with special event: Super Smash Bros. Tournament."* Our usual slate of Wii and board games will continue, but this month, teens can test their skills in our first-ever Smash Tournament. Smash your opponents and win a prize! To get on the bracket, **sign up at the Children's Desk** (or email ckriese@blounttn.org), starting Jan. 5. As always, you're also invited to bring your own tabletop game or video game console and games to share. Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, January 19, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.,** *"MLK Kids and Families Fair."* Celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with an afternoon of creativity, information and fellowship. Join community organizations, educational groups and activists for crafts, music, storytelling and hands-on fun. The day begins with a special screening of "A Wrinkle in Time" in the Sharon Lawson Room at 10:30 a.m.; the fair begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Gallery.
- **Monday, January 21,** *"Library Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."*
- **Saturday, January 26 and February 23, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"YA Café."* All teens are invited to engage in discussions about favorite books and media, with coffee and cookies. YA Café meets in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Friday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.,** *" 'Beyond the Shelves' Live Podcast at The Bird and the Book."* Join the hosts of the library's brand-new podcast, "Beyond the Shelves" for a no-holds-barred stage event! The fun begins with live music at 6:30, then at 7:00, **librarians Clay Kriese and Jennifer Spirko** will take to the mics for interviews, book talks, weird lists and more, including an interview with a special Centennial guest. Afterwards, join in a Q&A conversation with the podcasters. The Bird and the Book is a family-friendly pub serving sandwiches and hot dinner specials, beers and soft drinks, and desserts and snacks. There is no charge for admission, only for food and drink ordered. The Bird and the Book is located beneath Southland Books and Café, 1505 E. Broadway Ave., at the Five Points roundabout. Free parking is available behind the building.
- **Thursday, Begins on February 7 and February 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."* A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It meets in Study Room D near the Reference Department of the Library. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you."
- **Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month),** *"Teen Gaming @ Your Library."* (Middle to High School Age) Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, or bring your own tabletop game or video game console and games to share. We'll use multiple screens to multiply the fun. Bring friends! Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, February 18,** *"Library Closed Presidents' Day."*

Regular Teen Events:

- **Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Blount County Nerd Group."* Teens can learn the basic principles of computer programming, also known as coding. By participating in the Blount County Nerd Group, students seventh grade and up can learn coding skills, such as making

simple games, developing professional websites and creating mobile apps. The Nerd Group is coordinated by experienced web developers and teen entrepreneurs, **Kaleb Davenport** and **Garrett Smith**. Learn more about this group by checking out the introductory video on the Library's Facebook page. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, but laptops are also provided by the library. Learn more at nerdgroup.org The Nerd Group meets in the Kathy Pagles Board Room

- o **Please Note! The <u>Nerd Group</u> will <u>NOT</u> meet January 5. It will resume January 12, 2019.**
- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 pm.,** *"Dungeons & Dragons***."** All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of this tabletop role-playing game by learning about D&D and sharing your love of fantasy gaming! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse**, **Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
    - o **Please Note! <u>Dungeons & Dragons</u> will <u>NOT</u> meet January 1 due to the library being closed. It will resume January 8, 2019.**
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., "Dominion."** All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of building a medieval empire in this award-winning tabletop game of strategy! Thousands of cards will be provided. All you have to bring is your imagination. The adventure begins in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library..
- **Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
    - o **Once per month:** *"Sanctioned Chess Tournament,"* is held at the library in the Teen Central Area.
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays in the Teen Central Area of the library. On one Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.
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- **Saturday, January 26 and February 23, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., *"Laser TAB: Teen Advisory Board."*** Help plan library programs and activities. Recommend books and videos for the library's collection. Basically, you can help make the library a better space for teens. If you're in the 6th through 12th grade, you can join! Laser TAB meets monthly in Dorothy Herron Room A.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: Phone: 865-273-1414

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

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- **Monday, January 7, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1st Monday of each month), *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* All Ages Are Welcome!** While on

the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! The library's new monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. This event, for all ages, will be held in the Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Saturday, January 19, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,** *"Movie: 'A Wrinkle in Time'."* Travel through space and time with one of literature's favorite heroines as Meg uses science, courage and all her wits to rescue her father. This groundbreaking adventure, directed by Ava DuVernay, broke box-office records and brought one of our favorite children's novels to life with a diverse cast and stunning visual effects. "A Wrinkle in Time" is rated PG. Our Sensory Movie Fun approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing moderate lighting and a low-stress environment, plus LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, January 19, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.,** *"MLK Kids and Families Fair."* Celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with an afternoon of creativity, information and fellowship. Join community organizations, educational groups and activists for crafts, music, storytelling and hands-on fun. The day begins with a special screening of "A Wrinkle in Time" in the Sharon Lawson Room at 10:30 a.m.; the fair begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Gallery.
- **Monday, January 21,** *"Library Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."*
- **Saturdays, January 26 and February 23, 10:30 a.m. until noon,** *"Family Storytime."* Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages. The celebration also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.
- **Saturday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.,** *"One Book Blitz: Special Event!"* You've been reading the book, now come out and have interactive fun at the library! We can't reveal the name of the "One Book Blitz" 2019 book until it is publicly announced on Feb. 4, but we can promise you a fun day of games, STEAM activities and crafts. The One Book Blitz event takes place in the Meeting Room hallway, the Main Gallery and the Children's Library.
- **Monday, February 18,** *"Library Closed Presidents' Day."*
- **Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.,** *"LEGO Contest."* The library's semi-annual LEGO contest invites young builders to come up with their coolest, most innovative or funniest designs. Even if you don't enter, be sure to visit the Children's Library during the competition to see the entries and to vote for the coveted "Fan Favorite" award. Contest rules will be available online and in the Children's Library starting January 26, and the contest will take place throughout the Children's Library.

<u>Elementary Age Activities:</u>

Please Note! There will be <u>NO</u> regular programming in the Children's Library from January 1 through January 6. STEAMkids and the <u>LEGOs Group</u> will resume the week of January 7.

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"LEGOs in the Library,"* **for Grades K-5,** will take place in the Children's Library. Kids will complete different-themed and timed LEGO Challenges, as well as have some time for free building. The library will provide the LEGOs, so all you have to bring is your imagination! Get your build on in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).

- **Fridays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"STEAMkids,"* **for Grades K-5**. Every week brings a different adventure, from hands-on science experiments to art projects and everything in between. Materials may be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. STEAMkids takes place in the Children's Discovery Corner (in the Children's Library).
  - **Centennial STEAMkids:** Once a month, STEAMkids will be part of the library's year-long centennial celebration by centering on activities that use the number "100" or connect with a science innovation from a century ago!
  - **One Book Blitz STEAMkids:** Fridays in February, STEAMkids will tie in with the "One Book Blitz" title, to be revealed Feb. 4.
- **Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
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Growing Ready Readers -- Early Literacy Programs:

The Blount County Public Library is committed to growing ready readers and equipping caregivers with the tools they need to help their child be school-ready. Check the Blount County Public Library website (www.blountlibrary.org) or stop by the Children's Library for more information on supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

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- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.,** *"Little Learners",* **recommended for ages 3-5**. Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition and pre-literacy skills incorporating stories, music, motion, play, crafts and more in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.,** *"Baby and Me,"* **recommended for ages 2 and under.** These lapsit sessions for baby and caregiver feature short stories, action rhymes, music and pre-literacy tips and tricks for caregivers. It is also a great time for caregivers and babies to socialize! These sessions are in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **Saturday, January 26 and February 23, 10:30 a.m. until noon,** *"Family Storytime."* Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages. The celebration also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.
- **Tuesday, January 29 and February 26, 6 p.m.,** *"Sensory Story Time."* An interactive story time with stories, songs, movement and activities designed to increase early literacy skills and provide a safe and open space for children and families to learn and interact. Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3-5. Sensory Storytime takes place in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).

Library Tours and Outreach

Please call the Children's Library at 865-273-1414 or email jspirko@blounttn.org to schedule tours for your group, class or organization. Also if you would like a librarian to come to your class, community event, or parent night and share about awesome library resources and services for patrons ages 0-18, please get in touch!

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

January 1 to 31:

- *"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* **Exhibit, coordinated by Ginny Dockery**, will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- *"William Blount High School Student Art"* **Exhibit coordinated by Doris Poppelreiter and Melanie Pritchards** on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- *"Quilting"* **Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus,** located in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- *"MLK Kids and Families Fair"* **Exhibit**, **by Youth Services,** will be in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- *"To Be Announced"* **Exhibit**, **by Youth Services,** will be in in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- *"2019 Library Centennial Card Winner and Runners-Up"* **Exhibit** will be in the vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- *"Warm Up with a Good Book"* **Exhibit**, **by Patron Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

February 1 to 28:

- *"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* **Exhibit, coordinated by Ginny Dockery**, will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- *"Knoxville Watercolor Society"* **Art Exhibit, coordinated by Emilia Pickett** on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café.
- *"Black History Month"* **Exhibit**, **by Youth Services,** will be in in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- *"One Book Blitz"* **Exhibit**, **by Youth Services,** will be in in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- *"Alcoa History"* **Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus,** will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- *"2019 Library Centennial Card Winner and Runners-Up"* **Exhibit** will be in the vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- *"To Be Announced"* **Exhibit**, **by Patron Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- Group Tours of the Main Library and Adult Services (Reference Department) may be scheduled by contacting Kathleen Christy at 865-273-1403 or 865-982-0981, ext. 1450.

- Group Tours of the Children's Library may be scheduled by contacting Jennifer Spirko at the Children's Check-out desk 865-273-1414.
- If interested in displaying community information about nonprofit services or fine arts events (flyers and brochures) contact Kathleen Christy, Sheila Pennycuff or Brennan LeQuire at Adult Services (Reference Department).

Open to the public, these programs are hosted by the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville, where services are an example of your tax dollars at work for you.

For further information about library programs or services, call the library at 865-982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org . To sign up to receive a monthly calendar by email, go to the library's Home Page and go to What's Happening? on the Menu Bar. Then under News and Events click on Join Calendar Email List. Also check out Facebook at "Blount County Public Library," Twitter at "Blount_Library," and Instagram.

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